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In re Appln. of: Naoya HASEGAWA ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/901,438

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication
2000-150235	05/2000

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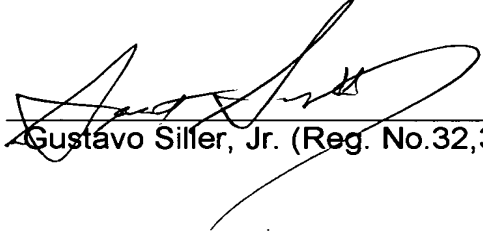
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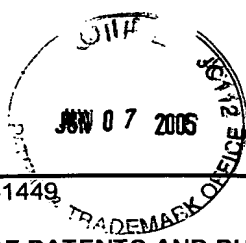
with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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